

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Amendment:

- Claims **1, 3 4 6-10, 13-32, 36-38 and 42-49** were pending in the present application
- Claims **1** and **3** stand rejected
- Claims **4** and **6-9** stand as objected to as being dependent on rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten to incorporate the limitations of the underlying and claims.
- Claims **24-30** have been withdrawn
- Claims **10, 13-23, 31, 32, 36-38 and 42-49** are allowed

Upon entry of this Amendment, which is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth below:

- Claims **4, 6-10, 13-23, 31, 32, 36-38 and 42-49** will be pending
- Claims **1** and **3** are cancelled
- Claims **4** and **6** now incorporate the elements of Claim **1**, now cancelled.
- Claims **8** and **9** are now dependent on amended Claim **4**.
- Claim **7** remains dependent on amended Claim **6**.

Initially, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for issuing the Advisory Action mailed on June 25, 2007. Based on the Advisory Action, which indicates that arguments by Applicant in the reply filed June 8, 2007 would require further consideration, Applicant is cancelling pending claims **1** and **3** in order to facilitate expedited prosecution of the remaining claims. Claims **4** and **6-9** have been rewritten to include the elements of underlying base claim **1**. It is believed that all pending claims are now in position for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and comments, Applicant believes that all claims are allowable. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by this Amendment. Early and favorable action is requested.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Ali Shah at telephone number (202) 663-6064 or via electronic mail at ali.shah@wilmerhale.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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